COLCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Colchester, Connecticut

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tuesday, March 23, 2021
BOE Special Meeting 6:00PM

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Mary Tomasi, Vice Chair Chris McGlynn, Jessica Morozowich, Amy Domeika, Suesen Hickey
ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Superintendent Jeffrey Burt, Director of Teaching and Learning Dr. Charles Hewes, Director of Pupil Services and Special Education Kathleen Perry, Chief Financial Officer Maggie Cosgrove, Bacon Academy Principal Matthew Peel, WJJMS Principal Chris Bennett, JJIS Principal Elise Butson, CES Principal Judy O'Meara, Director of Digital Learning and Innovation Darren Smith, Director of Educational Operations Mario Hurtado, Director of Human Resources Shannon Ramsby
OTHERS PRESENT: Board of Finance Liaison Mike Egan

1. MEETING OPENING

Chair Tomasi called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. *PRIORITY DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

3.1 BOE Budget Workshop

Chair Tomasi directed attendees to the budget questions and answers on the website. All documents related to the 2021-2022 budget process will be uploaded on the CPS website under Education Budget.

Superintendent Burt shared his updated 2021-2022 budget in the amount of $42,379,434 (an increase of $1,062,824 or 2.57% over 2020-2021). Points of discussion included estimated student enrollment, maintaining the current level of staffing necessary to meet the instructional needs during pandemic and afterwards, use of the ESSER II grant funding, and additional federal relief funding (American Rescue Plan Act) to provide support for recovery. This funding would help provide additional staff that may be needed to support the continuation of the Voluntary At-Home Learners program if required by the State for the 2021-2022 school year.

Director of Educational Operations Mario Hurtado presented a 3-year plan for building maintenance, with particular focus on Bacon Academy

Any questions for the Superintendent on the education budget can be directed to budget@colchesterct.org.

Motion by: C. McGlynn
To approve the proposed Board of Education 2021-2022 budget in the amount of 42,379,434.
Second by: A. Domeika
Vote: Unanimous
Roll Call Vote: C. McGlynn, A. Domeika, S. Hickey, J. Morozowich, M. Tomasi

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:11PM.